

# Ponca State Park Educational Outdoor Programs

Ponca State Park offers a large variety of programs throughout the summer that enhances knowledge and love of the outdoors. For an updated program of what is currently taking place or program summaries, please contact the front desk for information. *Program availability subject to personnel, weather, and supplies on hand.*

## Shooting Sports – 1.5 to 2 hour (age restrictions)

Introduction to Archery  
3D Archery Shoot  
Beginning Shotgun Shooting  
Beginning Muzzle-loading  
Introduction to Bow Hunting  
Introduction to Pellet Rifles  
Introduction to Waterfowl Hunting  
Introduction to .22's  
Turkey Talk Workshop

## Fishing – 1- 1.5 hour

Beginners Fishing Clinic  
Beginners Fly-Fishing Clinic  
Evening Crappie Fishing Clinic  
Missouri River Catfish Clinic

## Outdoor Cooking – 1-1.5 hour

Cooking Wild Game  
Dutch Oven Cooking  
Family Campfire Cooking  
Making Jerky  
Filleting Fish and Cooking

## General Outdoor Skills – 1 hour

Backwater Kayaking  
Being an Outdoor Survivor  
Constellations  
Edible Wild Plants  
Primitive Skills  
Staying Found!  
Treasure Hunt  
Tomahawk Throwing Clinic

## Hayrack Tours – 45 min to 1 hour

Sunset River Tours  
Family Fun Hayrack Ride  
General Park Tour  
Birding by Hayrack  
Nature Pix

## Geology and Paleontology – 1 hour

Fossil Hunt  
The Geology of Ponca State Park

## Plant Communities and Ecosystems – 1 hour

A River Meander  
Ecotone Encounter  
A Short Hike Through Tall grass  
Nature Hike  
Night Hike  
Trees, Leaves and Bark  
Wetland Wander

## Fish and Wildlife – 1 hour

Animal Tracks  
Animal Adaptations  
Bluebird Nest Monitoring  
Butterfly Investigation  
Critter Corner  
Firefly Frolic  
Going Batty for Bats!  
Fish of the Missouri River  
Frogwatch USA!  
Moon Journals  
Nocturnal Insects  
Small Mammal Trapping  
Sneaky Snakes!

## Junior Scientist – 1 hour (6-12 year olds)

A Square in the Woods  
Animal Survivor  
Butterflies: Wonderful World of Wings  
Discover a Wetland  
Dragonflies  
FBI – Fungus, Bacteria, Invertebrates  
Fire by Friction  
Fossils  
Frogs, Toads and Turtles  
Journaling and Nature Observation  
Night Life  
Owl Puke  
Sensory Explorations  
Star-gazing  
Things with Wings  
Timber! Tree Program  
Tracks and Traces!  
Wildlife Hike Check-list  
Wonders of Clouds

## Nature Crafts – 1 hour

Build your own Terrarium  
Building a Backyard Birdfeeder  
Fish Prints  
Garden Stepping Stone  
Make a "Waterscope"  
Nature Art Collages  
Pocket Plant Press  
Raptor Talon Necklace  
T-Shirt Designs  
Track Casting  
Walking Sticks  
What's the Buzz

## Kindernook! – 1 hour (ages 8 and under)

Alphabet Hike  
Feathers, Fossils, Furs  
Knees Lifted High  
My Unique Rock  
Plate Full of Color  
Through the Eyes of the Eagle  
Tricky Treats

## Fun and Games

Geometric Scavenger Hunts  
Nature Scavenger Hunt  
Ponca State Park Scavenger Hunt

## History

Lewis and Clark on the Middle Missouri  
Camping Like Lewis and Clark

## Missouri River – 1 – 1.5 hours

The Missouri River – Then and Now  
Bullboats and Barges  
Discover the River  
People and the River  
The Natural River

## Sustainable Living – 1 hour

Introduction to Canning  
Organic Gardening  
Butter Making